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In the application of:

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ENZYMES INVOLVED IN VITAMIN B12
BIOSYNTHESIS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case, please amend the specification as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.